

SESSION OF 2002

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE BILL NO. 2630**

As Agreed to May , 2002

Brief *

HB 2630 provide that costs incurred by a county jail for the medical care and treatment of a prisoner held in the county jail shall be paid from the county general fund when the prisoner has no other resources. The county then may seek reimbursement of such expenses from the prisoner.

Further, the bill provides that all individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage on an expense incurred basis, individual and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a profit or nonprofit corporation, and all contracts issued by health maintenance organizations provide that the health insurance benefits shall also be payable with respect to covered persons who are in the custody of any county held as a prisoner. The contract issued by a health maintenance organization may provide that the benefits required shall be covered only if the services are rendered by a provider who is designated by and affiliated with the health maintenance organization.

In addition, when a prisoner is covered by insurance, health care services for the prisoner can be required to be submitted as a claim for such services according to the insurance coverage provided.

Background

The Senate Committee added the provisions that required insurance policy provisions to cover prisoners in response to a Court of Appeals case, *Haskell County Commissioners v. Sullivan*, 27 Kan App 2d 852 (2000).

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Conference Committee Action. The House acceded to all Senate amendments to the bill. The Conference Committee agreed to add a provision that, when a prisoner is covered by insurance, health care services for the prisoner can be required to be submitted as a claim for such services according to the insurance coverage provided.